Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Percy Wilson Davis was born on March 12, 1917, to Willie and Emma (Beach) Davis at Carlos, Minnesota, the oldest of two children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Percy married Cecilia Audrey Rounds on September 24, 1941, at the family farmhouse at Bertha, Minnesota, and to that union two children were born, Ronald and Cheryl, who have blessed their lives by adding five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren to the family; and,

Whereas, Percy served as a medic in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1944; and,

Whereas, Percy's bricklaying profession was interrupted when he developed polio, and after overcoming that setback, he became a carpenter; and,

Whereas, Percy is an active member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, enjoys playing cards, fishing, hunting, camping, traveling, gardening, boating, fixing anything, playing with his "grand puppies" and being super fan at all of his great-grandchildren's numerous activities; and,

Whereas, Percy currently lives in North St. Paul, Minnesota, and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on March 11, 2007, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 12, 2007, as

PERCY WILSON DAVIS DAY

and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State